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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAIR OF AUSTRALIAN STUDIES AT
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THE GOA LAST YEAR ANNOUNCED THE DONATION OF US DOLS ONE MILLION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, DURING OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR, OF A CHAIR OF AUSTRALIAN STUDIES AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING SENDING SIR GARFIELD BARWICK, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA, TO HARVARD LATER THIS YEAR FOR A FORMAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY. AS CHIEF JUSTICE, BARWICK IS, IN THEORY AND BY POSITION, A NON-POLITICAL FIGURE. FRASER ASKED BY VIEWS ON THIS A I REPLIED BARWICK WOULD APPEAR TO BE A FINE CHOICE. THE MATTER IS, OF COURSE, PRIMARILY OF CONCERN TO THE GOA AND TO HARVARD, NOT TO THE USG.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ASCERTAIN HARVARD'S VIEWS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED.

4. FOLLOWING IS A STATUS REPORT ON THE SUBJECT OF THIS CHAIR. IN DECEMBER, 1975, PROFESSOR MANNING CLARK VISITED PRESIDENT BOK AT HARVARD AND AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE CHAIR, THE ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF WHICH WERE:

(1) THERE SHOULD BE A PROFESSOR; (2) THE PROFESSOR SHOULD TEACH AND ENCOURAGE RESEARCH IN ONE OF THE MAIN FIELDS OF AUSTRALIAN STUDIES SUCH AS HISTORY, LITERATURE, POLITICS,
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LAW, ECONOMICS, OR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; (3) THE CHAIR

SHOULD BE "VISIBLE"; MEANING IDENTIFIED AS A GOA GESTURE
COMMEMORATING OUR BICENTENNIAL; (4) THE CHAIR HOLDER SHOULD
PROMOTE AUSTRALIAN STUDIES IN OTHER U.S. UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES AS WELL.

5. A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE
GOA AND SENT TO HARVARD. NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING ON
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PLANS ARE
BEING CONSIDERED FOR AN APPROPRIATE ENDOWMENT CEREMONY AS
MENTIONED ABOVE. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED FOR THIS.
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